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Recipes for fun activities at the library



The Best Playdough Recipe

2.5 cups water

1 1/4 c. salt

1 1/2 tbsp. cream of tartar

5 tbsp. vegetable oil

2.5 cups flour

Food coloring (Gel makes very bright colors!)

- Mix everything but the food coloring together in a large pot until somewhat smooth. It will be lumpy. Not to worry, the dough will get smoother as it cooks.
- Cook the dough over a low heat. Mix frequently. The water will slowly cook out of the mixture and you'll notice it starts to take on a sticky dough appearance.
- Keep mixing until the edges of the dough along the side and bottom of the pan appear dry. Pinch a piece of dough. If it's not gooey, the dough is ready.
- Place the dough on a counter top or large cutting board that can withstand a little food coloring. Knead the warm dough until it's smooth and then divide it into the number of colors that you'd like to make.
- Knead the food coloring into the dough until it is the color you want.

Store the dough in a large Ziploc bag or sealed container.

<http://tinkerlab.com/rainbow-play-dough/>

Slime

1/2 cup Elmer's white glue

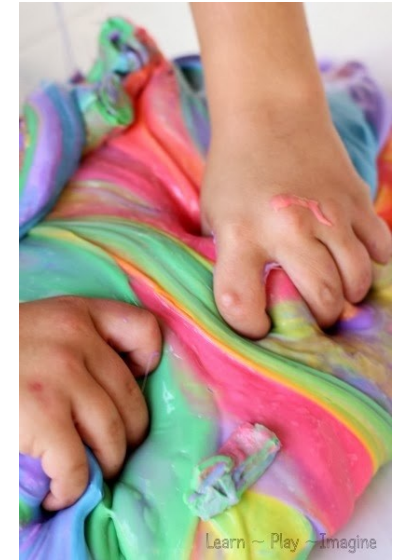
1 tsp Borax

1 1/2 cup water

Two bowls

Food coloring (optional)

- In one bowl mix glue and 1/2 cup water. Add food coloring if you want colored slime.
- In the other bowl, mix 1 teaspoon borax with 1 cup water until the borax is dissolved.
- Add the glue mixture to the borax solution, stirring slowly.
- The slime will begin to form immediately; stir as much as you can, then dig in and knead it with your hands until it gets less sticky. (No one makes slime without getting a little messy!) Don't worry about any leftover water in the bowl; just pour it out.



<http://www.hometrainingtools.com/a/slime-recipes-project>

Moon Sand

1 cup shaving cream
1/3 cup clean play sand
2/3 cup cornstarch

- Combine the sand and cornstarch first.
- Add the shaving cream.
- Mix together until the mixture is able to form into a ball or a sand castle.
- It should work like wet sand when pressed together. However, when you touch it, it should fall right apart.

<http://www.andnextcomesl.com/2014/07/sand-foam-dough-sensory-play.html>



Uncooked Playdough

Softest Playdough

1 part hair conditioner
2 parts cornstarch

- Mix ingredients. You may need to add more of one ingredient depending on the consistency. You can add food coloring if you want.

<http://kidsactivitiesblog.com/28677/play-dough-recipe>

Uncooked Playdough

2 cup plain flour
1 cup salt
1 tbs oil
1 cup cold water
2 drops liquid food coloring

- Combine plain flour and salt.
- Add water, food coloring and oil. Mix until ingredients are combined.
- Knead well.

<http://www.bestrecipes.com.au/recipe/no-cook-play-dough-L2119.html>

Dyeing Rice or Pasta

Food coloring (gel works best)

Vinegar

Dry rice or beans

- Mix food coloring and vinegar together (enough to cover the amount of pasta/rice you are coloring.
- Put pasta/rice in a zip lock bag.
- Pour vinegar mixture into bag and shake until all covered.
- Pour onto cookie sheet to dry.

There is no exact science to this. As long as you use enough vinegar to cover everything, it's hard to mess this up!

<http://happyhooligans.ca/dye-pasta-easy-way/>



Bubbles

Bubbles by Sparkles the Clown

Dawn dish soap (NOT the concentrate)

Water

- The ratio is 1 part soap to 10 parts water.
- Just mix and play!

Giant Bubbles by Happy Hooligans

6 cups water (distilled is best, but tap is fine)

½ cup Dawn (liquid) dish detergent (NON ultra, original works best)

½ cup cornstarch

1 tbsp baking POWDER

1 tbsp glycerine

- Dissolve the cornstarch in water, stirring really well.
- Gently stir in remaining ingredients.
- Avoid creating a lot of froth.
- Allow mixture to sit for at least an hour.
- If you want, you can stir very gently if you see ingredients settling on the bottom of your container
- Avoid creating froth when playing with the mixture
- Overcast/humid conditions are best.

<http://happyhooligans.ca/homemade-giant-bubbles/>